

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are more than thirty youth court programs operating in juvenile justice systems, schools, and community-based organizations across the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, youth courts in South Carolina enable youthful offenders to receive dispositions handed down by their peers that hold them accountable, offer reparations to the victim and the community, and contribute to public safety; and

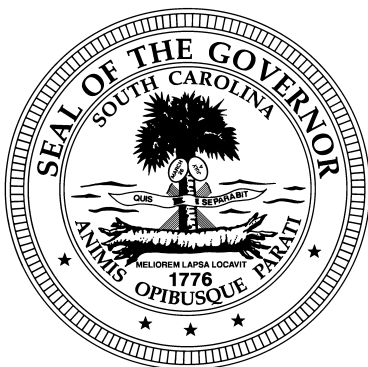
WHEREAS, youth courts in the Palmetto State provide youthful offenders and over nine hundred youth volunteers the opportunity to learn about responsible citizenship and law through hands-on experience; and

WHEREAS, youth courts benefit South Carolina's juvenile justice system by reducing court time, costs, and the number of youth who become repeat offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as

YOUTH COURT MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our youth courts and their volunteers for their many contributions to the safety and education of communities across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA